

**Introduced by Senator Battin**

February 16, 2005

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22— Relative to California Hispanic Heritage Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 22, as introduced, Battin. California Hispanic Heritage Month.

This measure would proclaim September 15 to October 15, 2005, inclusive, as California Hispanic Heritage Month, and would encourage all Californians to observe this event in communities throughout the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, President Lyndon B. Johnson first proclaimed  
2 and designated the week that included September 15 and 16 in  
3 1968, as National Hispanic Heritage Week, as a result of a Joint  
4 Resolution approved by Congress on September 17, 1968, in  
5 recognition of the contributions of Hispanic Americans to  
6 American culture and history; and

7 WHEREAS, The original weeklong commemoration was  
8 changed by Public Law No. 100-402, which took effect on  
9 January 1, 1989, to National Hispanic Heritage Month that is to  
10 include the 31-day period beginning September 15 and ending on  
11 October 15; and

12 WHEREAS, The objectives of National Hispanic Heritage  
13 Month are to create a greater awareness of the contributions of  
14 Hispanic Americans to American culture, to illustrate the  
15 diversity of the Hispanic American community, and to encourage

1 a greater curiosity within young people about the rich history and  
2 cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans; and

3 WHEREAS, Hispanic influence is evident in American culture  
4 in, among other things, music, art, science, food, humanities, and  
5 business and trade; and

6 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans from the time of the  
7 Revolutionary War to the War on Terrorism subsequent to  
8 September 11, 2001, have proudly served this country in the  
9 Armed Forces, and, during their course of service, 38 Hispanic  
10 Americans, including nine from California have been awarded  
11 the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest honor conferred  
12 for military bravery and heroism above and beyond the call of  
13 duty; and

14 WHEREAS, There are nearly 11 million Hispanic Americans  
15 in California; and

16 WHEREAS, Hispanic Americans have contributed to the  
17 development and success of California by playing major roles in  
18 building this state through agriculture, medicine, science,  
19 entertainment, business, education, civil rights, politics, and  
20 sports; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
22 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims  
23 September 15 to October 15, 2005, inclusive, as California  
24 Hispanic Heritage Month, and encourages all Californians to  
25 observe this event in communities throughout the state; and be it  
26 further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.